

## **I. AMENDMENTS**

### Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the Abstract in its entirety and replace it with the following new abstract, a copy of which is attached hereto on a separate sheet:

#### **- - Abstract**

The present invention relates to a dry reagent assay device having at least one test zone and at least one reference zone, which provides an internal mechanism for assuring correct and reliable assay procedures and reagent qualities. In one embodiment, the present invention relates to an assay device having at least one test zone for detecting at least one analyte in a sample by reacting the sample with a labeled indicator reagent, and a reference zone for receiving unreacted labeled indicator reagent.- -

Please delete the section entitled "Related Application" in its entirety, and replace it with the following new section:

#### **- - Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of patent application U.S. Serial No. 08/512,844, filed on August 9, 1995. The subject matter of this application is also related to U.S. Patent No. 5,580,794, which was filed as U.S. Serial No. 08/455,236, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/111,347. All such patents and applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.- -

### Amendments to the Claims

Please add new claims 51 to 67. This Listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: